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Defeat and death of
Pescennius Niger.

194-196 AD

Battle of BYZANTIUM I (Civil Wars of the Roman Empire)

When Emperor PUBLIUS HELVIUS PERTINAX was assassinated in 193 AD, a rich senator, DIDIUS JULIANUS, claimed the throne. But the real struggle for rule came from three military commanders - CLODIUS ALBINUS of BRITAIN, SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS of PANNONIA, and PESCENNIUS NIGER of EGYPT. SEVERUS, near Rome, marched on the capital and assumed the title of emperor. Julianus was killed.

Severus turned to the East to attack the legions of NIGER. He blockaded a large enemy force in BYZANTIUM in 194. The remainder of NIGER'S

troops were attacked and driven out of CYZICUS, NICAEA, and ISSUS in Asia Minor. NIGER himself was captured south of Issus at the CILICIAN GATES and beheaded. Severus then concentrated on the siege of Byzantium. In the spring of 196 his forces stormed into the city and thoroughly sacked it. With the East under firm control, Severus hurried back to Rome to challenge ALBINUS, who had been building a rival force in Gaul.

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Montanus; Clement of Alexandria

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Seneca recognizes A. Ibbins
as Caesar but marches Against
Pescennius.

Defeat and Death of Pescennius.
His followers hold out two years
at Byzantium.